

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 16, lines 16-28 as follows:

FIG 6 shows another preferred embodiment of an external manifold **80** having three ports **82** provided in a primary manifold **84**. The external manifold of **FIG 6** is assembled by providing a primary manifold tube, hose, or pipe, placing a series of openings through the side wall of the primary manifold and inserting hosing, pipes or tubings for the ports in the openings. Preferably the port tubing inserted into the manifold openings has substantially the same diameter such that the connection between the ports and the primary manifold is fluid tight or is fluid tight after encapsulating the fuel cell with resin. Although any material which is chemically stable to the sealant and the reactants, e.g., oxidant and/or fuel, are suitable for use in the preparation of the external manifold opening, preferred materials are non-conducting resins which have are sufficiently flexible to facilitate stack assembly. Typically preferred manifold materials are selected from silicone, TEFLON (polytetrafluoroethylene), polyethylene, TYGON (~~polyvinylchloride (PVC)~~) tubing, butyl rubber, and the like.